GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NON-COMPLETION OF INDIRA SAGAR POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work on Indira Sagar Power Project over Narmada river has been accelerated owing to delay in its completion within the scheduled time;

(b) if so, the number of cities and towns likely to get power supply from this scheme in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) the amount spent on this project by the Union and State Governments separately?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : The Indira Sagar Project was being constructed as a State Sector Project by the Government of Madhya Pradesh. However, due to the paucity of funds, the Government of Madhya Pradesh requested the Ministry of Power in April, 2000 to have the Project implemented as a joint venture of the National hydro-electric Power Corporation and the Government of Madhya Pradesh. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between NHPC and the Government of Madhya Pradesh on 16.5.2000 for execution of the Project. The Government of India in March, 2002, has approved the formation of the Joint Venture Company Narmada Hydro Development Corporation (NHDC) and the cost estimate of Indira Sagar Project to be executed by the Joint Venture Company with a completion schedule of May, 2005.

(b) : The entire power from the Project will be allocated to Madhya Pradesh at the tariff to be determined by Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC). A Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) has been signed between NHDC and the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

(c) : The amount spent on Unit-I & Unit-III of the Indira Sagar Project to date by the Government of Madhya Pradesh is Rs.1157.23 crore. The Government of India has released a sum of Rs.460.00 crores to NHPC for this project in the financial year 2001-2002.